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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Docket Number (Optional)  
LEX-0176-USA

In re Application of Hu et al.

Application Number 09/854,844

Filed 5/14/2001

For Novel Human Protease and Polynucleotides Encoding the Same

Group Art Unit 1652

Examiner D. Ramirez

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

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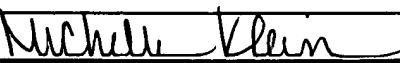
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